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Sen. George V. Voinovich talks communications with city, county, state preparedness agencies

Pleased with National Ranking

Attending the news conference are (l. to r.) Mitchell J. Brown, Sen. George V. Voinovich, Nancy Dragani, Gary L. Holland, Mark Patchen, Dave Borden and Shelley Iulianelli. (Photo by Chad D. Fogt)

Sen. George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio) met with public safety, emergency management and communications officials at the Columbus Police Regional Training Academy July 9 to discuss interoperable communications, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Tactical Interoperability Communications Scorecard and future capability plans.

Franklin County and the City of Columbus were among the top six of 75 cities for leadership and strategic planning, plans and procedures and use of equipment as denoted in a DHS Interoperable Communications Assessment report, recently.

"The roundtable discussion reinforced the County's commitment to the national preparedness goal," said Gary L. Holland, Director, FCEM&HS.

Among those in attendance were Mitchell Brown, Director, Columbus Department of Public Safety; Gary L. Holland, Director, Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security; Nancy Dragani, Director, Ohio EMA; Mark Patchen, Director ,Technical Support Division, Ohio EMA; Shelly Iulianelli, Operations Manager, Multi-Agency Radio Communications System; Dave Borden, Division of Support Services Administrator, Communications Section, City of Columbus; Carol Jacobsen, Ohio Hospital Association; Deputy Chief John Rockwell, Columbus Police Division; Kathy Crandall, Franklin County Homeland Security Advisory Committee and Chief Donald Schwind, Sharon Township Police Department and Vice Chair of the County's Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

US Department of Homeland Security Awards Grants for American Defense
Ohio Gets $46,320,809 Slice of $1.7 Billion Pie

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced July 18 final Fiscal Year 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awards totaling $1.7 billion to address terrorist attacks and other major disasters..

Ohio received $46,320,809 of its fiscal year 2007 allocations. It was an overall 12 percent increase from 2006: State Homeland Security Grant Program - $16,830,000; Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program - $12,020,000; Urban Area Security Initiative Allocations - **Columbus: $4,720,000**; Other Grants Programs - $1,990,809; Metropolitan Medical Response System - $1,548,871; Citizen Corps Grant Program - $441,938.

Donna Monell, Homeland Security Advisor Committee Chair, said there are many criteria for amounts awarded -- the biggest being need.

"This money keeps us moving forward as we implement our County strategic objectives, "she said.

HSGP funds can be used by states, territories and urban areas for preparedness planning, equipment, training, exercises, management and administration. The aim is to obtain resources that are critical to building and sustaining capabilities that are aligned with the Interim National Preparedness Goal and respective State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies.

*G*ary Cavin serves as the Director of Technology and Chief Information Officer for the City of Columbus. He began his executive role in 2005. Gary serves as an advisor to the Mayor on information management and technologies. He also assists the Mayor in establishing citywide information systems' policies.

Director Cavin directs the development and maintenance of the City's information systems and promotes use of appropriate technologies to facilitate efficient and effective service delivery. Gary also coordinates technology policies with other governmental entities. His current projects include a citywide connectivity plan and the final integration of all city IT assets of the Department of Public Utilities into the Department of Technology.

Gary R. Cavin

"My responsibility as a member of the Executive Committee," Cavin said, " is to ensure Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security keeps technology solutions at the forefront when called upon to support first responders. It is important to all emergency response partners that we focus on interoperability and inter-agency collaboration."

Gary joined the City of Columbus in 1993. He served in various positions within the Department of Development and joined the Mayor's senior staff in 2002 as Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Operations.

Gary Cavin graduated from Otterbein University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting.

Editor's Note: Each edition we feature an Executive Committee member and profile their duties and vision for FCEM&HS. Patti Austin serves as alternate.

By August 24, 2007 the Metrics portion of NIMSCAST must be completed as well as any necessary updates to the baseline assessment (the 75-yes/no question survey from FY05 and FY06).

The following jurisdictions have completed their NIMSCAST FY2007 NIMS Compliance Metrics:

Prairie Township   City of Westerville

Upcoming CERT Class

A twenty-hour Community Emergency Response Team class begins September 5 — October 6. Class is held at the Jackson Township Fire Department, 3650 Hoover Road, Grove City, OH 43123. For further information call 614-571-5038 or log on to www.fccert.org.

Upcoming Meetings

August 1	10AM	Homeland Security Advisory Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 7	1PM	Improvised Explosive Device (IED)	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 14	9AM	Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 21	1PM	Improvised Explosive Device (IED)	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 23	10AM	Animal Care Plan	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Upcoming Training/Exercise

14 August — IED Controllers Training — 9-11AM
14 August — IED Evaluators Training — 1-3PM
23 August — Northwest Area Strike Team Exercise, 6-9PM Washington Township

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Gary L. Holland, Director   **Jim Leonard, Deputy Director**

Jan Bartel, Finance   Art Baker, Manager, Warning/EOC
Jamie Stout, Planning   Pam Tickle, Grants/Training
Robert Crockett, Public Information/Community Education/Outreach
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The deadline for NIMSCAST is Friday, August 24, 2007

The following jurisdictions must complete their NIMCAST:

City of Bexley
Blendon Township
City of Columbus
Columbus Fire
Columbus Police Department
Columbus Health Department
City of Dublin
Franklin Township
City of Gahanna

City of Grandview Heights
City of Grove City
City of Hilliard
Madison Township
Pleasant Township
City of Reynoldsburg
City of Upper Arlington
City of Whitehall
City of Worthington

NIMSCAST must be completed by deadline in order for Franklin County to continue receiving grant funds. If you have any questions or need help, contact Pam Tickle, p_tickle@wowway.com or call 614-794-0213.

FY07NIMS Training Guidelines

Audience	Required Training
Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Non-governmental personnel to include: *Entry level first responders & disaster workers* • Emergency Medical Service personnel • Firefighters • Hospital staff • Law Enforcement personnel • Public Health personnel • Public Works/Utility personnel • Skilled Support Personnel • Other emergency management response, support, volunteer personnel at all levels	• ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent • FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction
Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Non-governmental personnel to include: *First line supervisors*, single resource leaders, field supervisors, and other emergency management/response personnel that require a higher level of ICS/NIMS Training.	• ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent • ICS-200: Basic ICS or equivalent • FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction
Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Nongovernmental personnel to include: *Required:* Mid-level management including strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and; *Recommended:* Emergency operations center staff.	• ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent • ICS-200: Basic ICS or equivalent • ICS-300: Intermediate ICS or equivalent • FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction • FEMA IS-800.A: National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction*
Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Nongovernmental personnel to include: *Required:* Command and general staff, select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers, and; *Recommended:* Emergency operations center managers.	• ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent • ICS-200: Basic ICS or equivalent • ICS-300: Intermediate ICS or equivalent • ICS-400: Advanced ICS or equivalent • FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction • FEMA IS-800.A: National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction*

* NOTE: Not all persons required to take ICS-300 and ICS-400 will need to take IS-800.A. Emergency managers or personnel whose primary responsibility is emergency management must complete this training.